MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I have asked the question by what means?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): By means of these two instruments.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I do not want an answer for the methods employed. I want to know the mechanism used for making this experiment.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I have answered it, Sir.

Accidents due to electric shock.

215. *MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of deaths caused by shocks received from the town electric lighting mains since the introduction of electric supply in the town;

(*b*) whether the Electrical Chief Engineer has investigated the cause of any accident:

(*c*) if so, the result of his investigation: and

(*d*) if not, why he did not investigate the causes of these accidents?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Two.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In the first case, the death was due to the victim working on live line in spite of warning not to do so, and in the second case to the victim touching a stay wire which was made live by leakage.

(*d*) In view of the answer to (*c*), this does not arise.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government have got information only about two cases of death in the town by electric shock?

PRESIDENT: That is obvious. The answer says that Government have information only about this. You can draw your own inference from that.

Personal Assistant to the Electrical Engineer.

216. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) when the appointment of a Personal Assistant to the Electrical Engineer was recommended to, and when it was sanctioned by, the Government

(*b*) whether the State Council or the Sri Mulam Assembly was holding its session during that period;

(*c*) whether any fund was provided in the Budget for the appointment;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same;

(*e*) whether the person appointed for the place was in Travancore service prior to such appointment and, if so, the period of his service in Travancore and

(*f*) the steps taken by the Government in the matter of this appointment?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No such appointment was recommended to and sanctioned by Government. But what was actually sanctioned was an Assistant Electrical Engineer.

(*b*) The State Council was then holding its session.

(*c*) Yes,—*vide* item II Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Project (*a*) Office, Appendix J, page xlii.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this does not arise.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) None.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഈ ആളിനെ നിയമിക്കുന്നതിനു മുമ്പു് ഈ നിയമനത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു വല്ല പ്രസിദ്ധീകരണവും നടത്തിയിരുന്നോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*). ഇല്ലായിരുന്നു.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): അങ്ങിനെ പ്രസിദ്ധീകരണം നടത്താതെ ഈ ആളിനെതന്നെ നിയമിക്കുന്നതിനു വിശേഷിച്ചു വല്ല കാരണവുമുണ്ടായിരുന്നോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): വേറെ അപേക്ഷകന്മാരുണ്ടോ എന്നന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടില്ല എല്ലാ ഉദ്യോഗങ്ങൾക്കും ആളുകളെ നിയമിക്കാറുള്ളതു്.

Trivandrum Drainage Scheme.

217. ***MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total estimated cost of the drainage works in Trivandrum;

(*b*) whether it was not possible to undertake the drainage work along with the water works; and

(*c*) the approximate additional expenditure to be incurred on account of the drainage work being taken up independently?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) As the scheme is still under investigation, it is not possible to give an idea as to its cost.

(*b*) Yes, provided the necessary additional staff and funds were forthcoming. But the water works were considered the more urgent of the two and funds made available therefor.

(*c*) This is not likely to be considerable, as only such staff as was absolutely necessary for efficiently carrying out the water works scheme alone was employed. If the drainage scheme had also to be done along with it, additional staff and funds would have been necessary.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): In answer to part (*a*), may I know whether Government do not think it necessary to call for a provisional estimate?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The time for calling for a provisional estimate has not arrived.

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